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ASTORYOFTHESOUTH Written for THE WEEKLY SENTINEL by Eleanor M. Jones, of New Berne, N. C., Author

CHAPTER XXXIII. It seems ages since Jamie, Leonard and I shared the vigil of that horrible morning, whose few hours seemed years in the imprints they have left upon

my memory.

In vain did my companions endeavor to prevail upon me, the necessity of taking some repose, but it is one night to be recalled when sleep lost a victim, for not one moment of unconsciousness came to solace me, during those hours in actual verificatation of Delaceurt's threat to me.

With the first grey streaks of dawn came the terrible consciousness of father's and mother's knowledge of this awful catastrophe and unable to divine what may result therefrom.

After a long consultation, I am sent to communicate to Belle, the sad intelligence of poor ill-fated Archie's death. Jamie undertakes to break the horrible news to our parents.

I never knew just how he accom-plished it, but when with trembling hands, I helped Belle hastily dress, explaining, in an incohearent way that Archie was dead, and dragged her, gazing stupidly at me, as if insensible of my intention, down the stairs, we passed that trio from the other room. Twenty years seemed suddenly to have laid their blighting hands upon his slunkenform bending it almost double with with their increased weight, and shrivelling the leaden-hued skin, until the face seemed to shrink to one-half its recent size.

Jamie's and mother's arms supported his feble frame, as he tottered with uncertain gait, slowly down the steps, across the hall, and into the room, where, in sleeping attitude, with the torn, blood-smeared garments, all removed, by Jamie and Leonard's care and replaced by those which gave no evidence of the last night's broil, with terest in any thing. one arm thrown carelessly over the disfigured countenance, revealing only the uninjured mouth, lay in calm repose, Archie, the murdered, Archie name-sake of the murdered one-

I wondered if father would think of confirmed my fears, as with reserved lounge, and kissing the damp locks, whispered audibly, "it was the name, my poor ill-fated boy; it was your father's accident, that is visited now on you, to crush the little life left in him; O, my boy, my boy!"

It was the first allusion I had heard from him, to the little brother whose life he had unintentionally shortened, yet how much of long-concealed agony found utterance in his low tones, burdened with the woe of his own lifetime.

who seemed so little likely to leave so

At three in the altornoon of Saturday we carried him to the silent city, and placed him near our sleeping Jessie.

Poor Belle controlled herself with wonderful fortitude until the coffin-lid was fastened, when with very endearing terms of affection, with hand clasped, and streaming eyes, she besought her favorite brother to speak to her once more.

Ah! how I wished that the fond manifestation of our love, which now overlooks all his failings, in searching for the better traits, had been scattered throughout his life, instead of thus reserved for that time when it can bring no gratification to his heart, stilled in its wonderful machinery, no longer alive to what might have caus-

ed it earthly grief or joy.

Leonard postponed his departure,
and as a brother, shared our common sorrow, and under the influence of his genuine sympathy, I found myself leaning upon him for the consolation, he seemed to knew so well how to afford. I felt stunned, and it was fortunate for me to have some one upon whom I could wholly rely, since it had fallen to Jamie's lot to minister to our bereaved, heart-broken parents.

Sunday came. What a dreary pang it brought with it; only one week back, and we were a united family, standing together in our little church. Now one break has occurred, and we shall never form here, as then, an unbroken band again.

The world seems full of trouble to with eyes dimmed by the sorrow of

the present hour. When we return to our home, filled with the gloomy shadow which death throws as a mantle over his temporary abodes, and which requires many days ere it passes and the sombre presence repairs to cast its shade over other homes, to fill them with the wos, which destroys all pleasure, and banishes the cheering laughter, the lively wit, that was once accustomed to encircle the social board, there is the aspect of a Hall, nothing of appropriateness in its | ties, to the quiet of our country town. name now, as it shows a repelling disposition, to the admittance of even its own inmates.

A terrible headache follows the reaction for me, but no human power of my own room, where Delas face confronts me at every

with the life blood of poor mis-guided

Some one leads me to a sofa, some one tenderly urges me to lie there on, some one throws some cover over me, lightly pressess my aching brow, as it throbs in fearful pain upon the pillow until yielding to the magic influence of that some one's power, I let the burden of the present gently glide, or at least, deposit it for a while, and in the refreshing paths of sleep, roam at random, with a heart, deprived of all lightened of its load, it rises to heights prises our household.

it seems as if another had been claimed by death. As I cling to him in undisguised sadness at the idea of Belle, and in fact all the family try ing of a few weeks previous. What a marked change can time effect in an more of rudeness than encouragement, human will its incompetency to grapel with the great superior power.

Leonard almost relinquishes the idea of leaving on seeing my distress, then begs me to accompany him as his bride. I could not leave another vacancy just now, where one has so recently happened, so I refrain from ing gives me, and he takes his departure in reluctance, and leaves behind one to whom he has promised, in the nobility of his plighted word, faithful | brows. love, that shall endure throughout the

When he is gone a dull lithargy seems to lay hold upon me. After a while I go back again into the world, back to the discharge of my duties. With no longer any dismal forebodings of comming harm; no longer any dread of Delacourt, since he fied upon that night, darkened in his history him; but with a sort of stolid indifference gaining upon me; a lack of in- threaten danger, and destruction to

Belle, is realizing now, the prediction of Joel's, made long ago. She assumes my old role of general super-visor, &c. Comes from her daily work with a cheerful countenance, which makes itself felt in its genial glow, this coincident, end almost his words throughout our darkened home, She has proved such a capacity for teachstrength, he threw himself beside the ing, that she has already received promotion, and can count her earnings

> is employed; the same stealthiness is deemed advisable, as he is a wild beast of whose presence, many would like mischief is quenched.

to rid the world. In the early summer, Leonard comes to claim my promise, and sur- charms me to its side. It is when its and the Deanes, I pass out of the lit- laid aside, and in tender gentleness, All day Friday, and part of Satur-day did we cling to this form of clay, household, who has taken upon them-in its sweet serenity, unto the blue the all that remained to us, of him, selves the solemn vows, which seem to dome over-hanging, whose own remany of so trivial a nature, as to be splendent smile of sunshine is reflectruthlessly flung aside upon the slightest provocation. I pass the threshold out into the air laden with the incense of the adoring floral creation, leaning upon the strong arm of one, who has promised to be the stay and comfort of my life, and who, I believe, wil! fulfil the trust which he has assumed.

A bridal tour, through Canada, the great Lakes, to Niagara Falls, Saratoga, and many other places to visit which, to my youthful imagination, once seemed to partake of the bliss of Heaven, brings me in the warm, heated days of August, to a cottage by the sea, which Leonard has rented, for the season, and where I find our dear family assembled, Oscar occupying the vacant place of our absent Archie, and all awaiting us with fond pleas-

An incident, pleasant in its character, and touching thoughtfulness, happens on my first evening there. It is, after the tea-things have all been removed, and we sit, in the tiny diningroom, which overlooks the mighty domain of the ocean, that Belle cuters, bearing a package which she says came shortly after my marriage. It is directed in Mr. Herrick's bold hand-writing, and contains a small picture, whose counterpart I once remember to have expressed great admiration for in his presence, and so he has not forgotten, in the turmoil of the business, or the confusing distraction to which he has so lately been subjected, one wish of an impulsive maiden, made years ago, but has re-called it, to gratify her, when as conour clowded vision, as we gaze upon it templating a home of her own, it will serve to render more attractive the walls it will ornament.

This occurrence served in some measure to counterbalance two sad events, which cast their shadow over

our early married life. As soon as I had decided upon the day, I wrote, imploring my dear Pro-fessor to lay aside his work for a while, and come to see us. Time passed, without bringing any reply to my urgent request, until stimulated by anxiety I made a second attempt to dungeon about our dear old Liberty | coax him away from his onerous du-

This time, fearing his change of residence, I enclosed the letter in one to madam, which brought a speedy answer, whereby I learned that my kind, loving friend had indeed changffective in banishing me to the sol- ed his residence, and was now an occupant of a narrow home, wherein he lay in the peaceful slumber, whose metimes accompanied by an awaking is not here. "His last intelhand, wherein glitters the ligible words," she added, "were a deadly blade, reeking now message to dear jild, filled with affec-

tion, and fond remembrance," and thus he was taken first, before the father, whose decease was to place me

in his adopting care.

The clear blue eyes of my German music-teacher, and his sympathetic tones of sweet encouragement together with his warm affectionate nature will always remain with me, as loving tokens of one, whose place in my heart will be hallowed by the sweet memories which fill it, memories of a true earnest friend, whose loss, I so sincereblighing care, free to enjoy, since ly deplore. Conrad caused my other perturbation of mind, for hearing in of celestial pleasure, which waits it in some unaccountable manner, of my this its real state, so my eyes unclose upon the stricken group which comtendency, as to make me almost feel, On the morrow Leonard leaves, and as if I had wilfully trifled with his seems as if another had been claimblighting his life. In yam do Leonard, parting, what a contrast could be to convince me of the unjustness of drwn between it, and the formal meet- any such reproach, as my manner toincredibly short period, proving to the still I am beset with vague misgivings as to my conduct towards him, yet cannot see how my treatment could have produced such an erroneous impression, except that his dullness was unable to comprehend my meaning.

Father's health improves, away from the spot, now rendered so direful in his memory, by the performance of manifesting the real pain which his go- that horrible deed, inhaling the invigorating air of the ocean, laden with the smell of salt, as it comes in the refreshing breeze, and fans our heated

> To me also the grand study of the mighty deep brings calm restfulness, even in the contemplation of its stor-

from which gathers upon its countewith the seal of Cain branded upon nance, and the muttered growling, with which the turbulent waves those who lie in its path.

Again, when the furiousness of its passion augments the frowns, into the frightful contortions of an infuriated mind, and the threats of the waves give full meaning of their power, as with the force of giants, they raise their being arms, hurling with de-struction in their grip, the mammoth dwellings of the ocean, filled with their shricking, prayerful, imploring with much satisfaction.

The same means of conveying intelligence between herself and husband, in its thundering tones, which resound with tempestuous wrath, for more,

There is yet one more expression of this glorious waste of waters, which rounded only by our saddened family storm-tossed, tempestuous character is ed in its placid face, as they hold their loving converse, in the beautiful language of nature.

In the fall, our family scatters, as Jack and Oscar again repair to their difficult task of ascending the rock-hewn mountain, which leads to knowledge, father, mother, Belle, Spencer, James and the children return to our old deserted home, while I accompany Leonard to Philadelphia, where his final course of lectures awaits him.

The old scenes are revived, and yet in an unnatural way. Belle's former home frowns as dismally upon me, as in those other days, yet while I stand gazing upon it, in wondering contemplation of its new occupants, the door opens, and a troop of laughing, dancing children float out upon the scene, transfiguring the gloomy surroundings, into a vision of light-hearted merriment.

The old school mansion is re-visited. Madam sits in the dignified possession of the past, but new faces supplant the old ones, whose feet are treading other paths than those of learning, and some are resting, like our kind Professor's, all earthly journeying being over.

To his grave, I frequently resort, to place thereon, my only outward tribute of remembrance, and as the floral designs rest above him, whose far-off German home holds not his form, I gaze in sad reflection upon the mound which rises above the noble heart of one of earth's best and noblest; the heart that had beat its last in this the land of his adoption, thus sounding perchance its farewell longing for the home of its youth, around which many fondest memories clustered.

The heart in which, as he had told me, there was no living relative to dwell enshrined. A heart so true in its loyalty, so earnest in its purposes, so steadfast in its seal, as to win for the old German Professor in the country of strangers many warm friends who like myself, loved and revered him, a grand type of nature's truest

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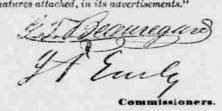
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